Reservation in private sector

2115. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for non adoption of Government's proposals of reservation for SC/ST by the private sector;

(b) the action taken on the orders issued by her Ministry on the 18th November, 2004 in this regard and whether they have highlighted the plea that such reservation is the cause of sickness of public sectors; and

(c) Government's reactions thereto and the steps being taken to pursue the corporate sector to comply with the orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), the Government has to initiate a National Dialogue with political parties, industry and other organizations to see how best the private sector can fulfill the aspirations of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youth. Accordingly, Associations of trade and industry were addressed on 18.11.2004 for eliciting their views in the matter. No orders have been issued on 18th November, 2004.

Reports of UN Drug Control Programme

2116. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the report of UN Drug Control Programme on Drugs and Crimes, in Delhi 44.7 per cent of treatment seekers were heroin addicts, while alcohol accounted for 26.4 per cent;

(b) whether the report prepared in collaboration with her Ministry further indicated that most addicts are initiated into the drugs by age of 24 years;

(c) whether around 15 million people could become addicts by 2004 end, if drug abuse is not effectively controlled; and

(d) if so, Government's action plan to control this rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no authenticated report to indicate this.

(d) The Government is attempting to check the rising trend through counseling, awareness camp and media publicity on negative aspects.

Rehabilitation of disabled persons

2117. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled persons are most neglected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Chief Commission for Persons with Disabilities have spent only Rs. 1.45 crore out of sanctioned outlay of Rs. 7.44 crore so far;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take for the rehabilitation of disabled persons in employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The utilization of funds is measured as difference in Revised Estimates and actual expenditure. Thus, out of revised estimate of funds of Rs. 3.05 crore allotted to the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD), an amount of Rs. 1.49 crore was spent. Major reason for non-utilisation of the funds was that the office of CCD could be set up only by the middle of the Ninth Plan due to administrative procedure involved in getting required clearances/approvals.

(d) The Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides for 3 per cent reservation in the vacancies for persons with disabilities in identified posts in the Central and State Government organizations. The Government has set up a committee to review the list of identified posts to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in Government. The Government has been supporting the Vocational Training Centres and Vocational Rehabilitation Centres to train persons with disabilities for employment.